

Quarantined Russians Take Up the No-Sweatpants Instagram Challenge

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When the coronavirus pandemic pushed millions of people into government-mandated home isolation, the internet flooded with memes about our new collective reality of wearing the same pair of sweatpants for weeks at a time, hopping on video conference calls with no makeup and generally metamorphosizing into couch potatoes.

These Russian Instagrammers have had enough.

With the "stop *treniki* [a Russian word for tracksuits that can also refer to sweatpants] challenge," people are putting their best faces — and outfits — forward.

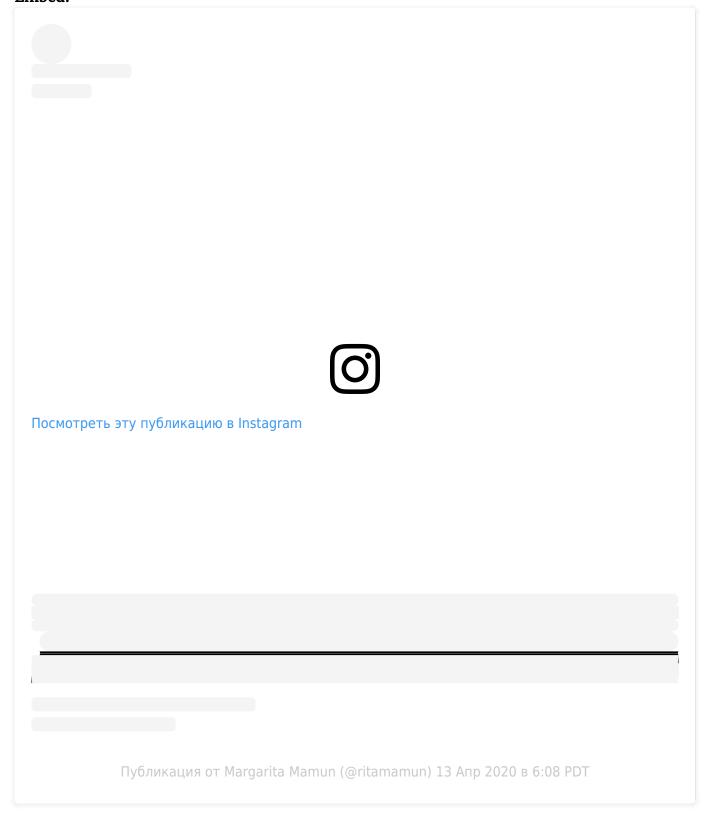
As Karl Lagerfeld himself once said: "Sweatpants are a sign of defeat. You lost control of your life so you bought some sweatpants."

Here's a look at Russia's finest quarantine couture:

This look is perfect for a night out at a glitzy gala — or for simply trying out that new pasta

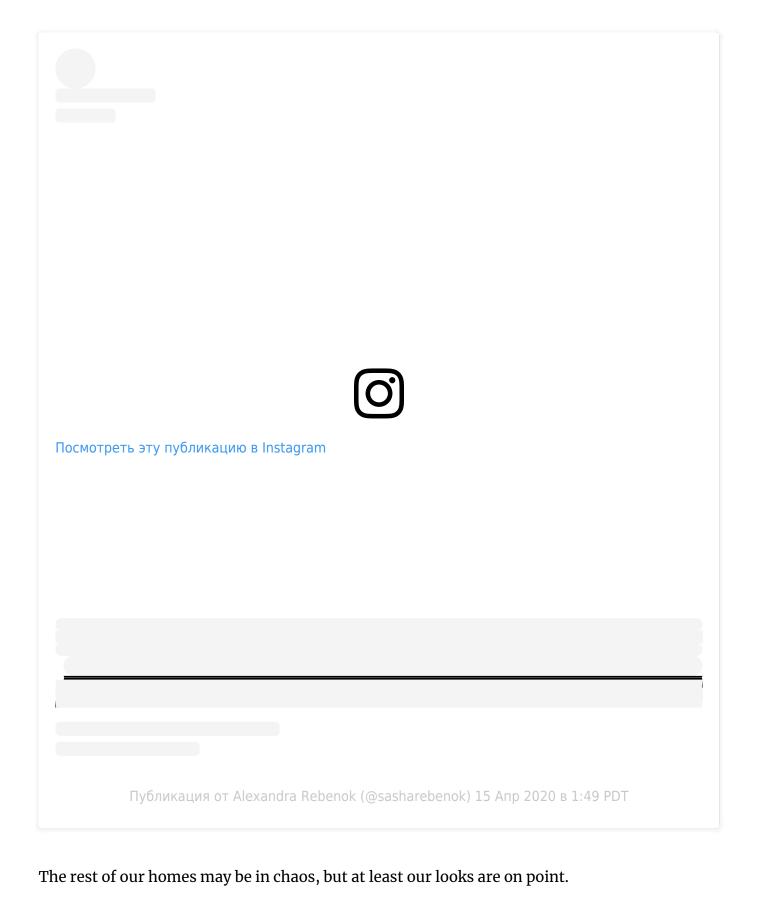
sauce recipe.

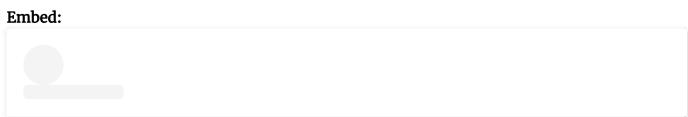
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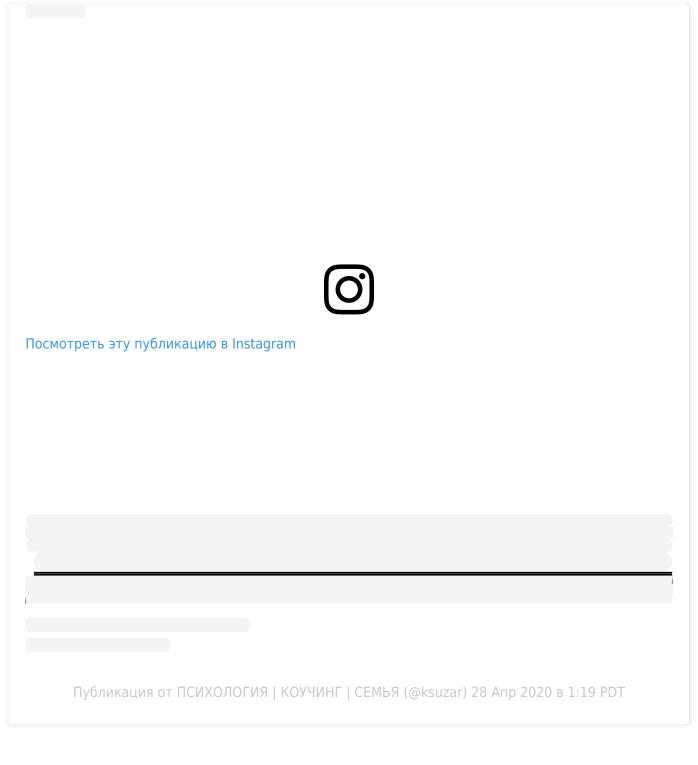


Endlessly scrolling through TikTok never looked so glamorous.

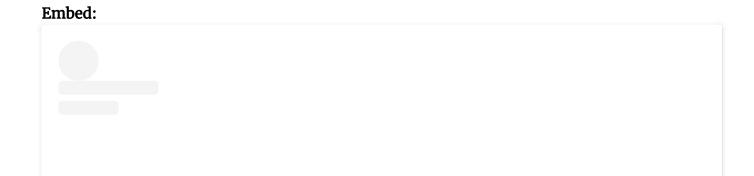
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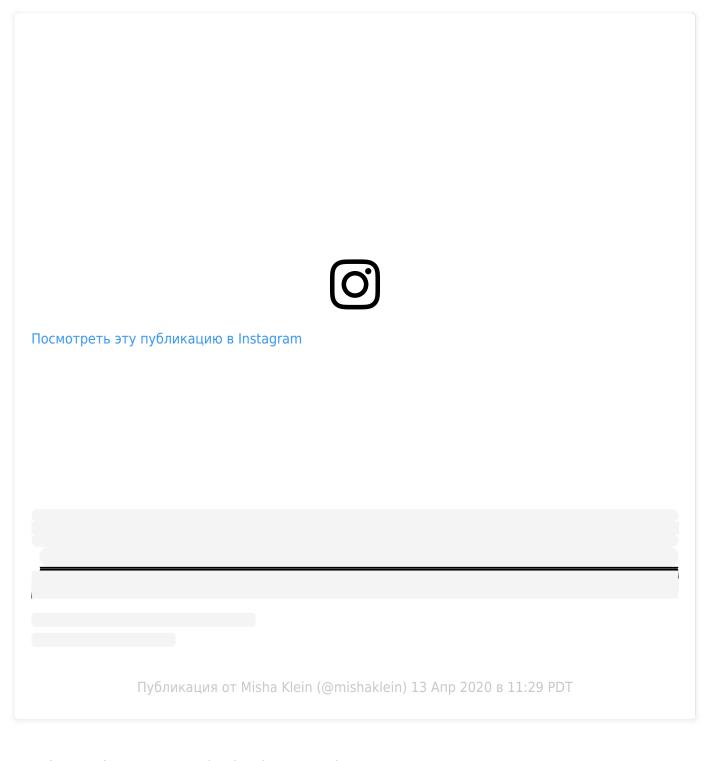




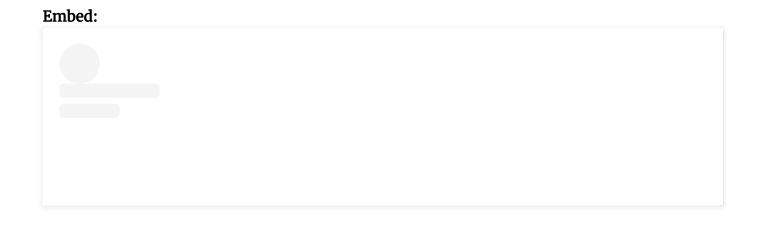


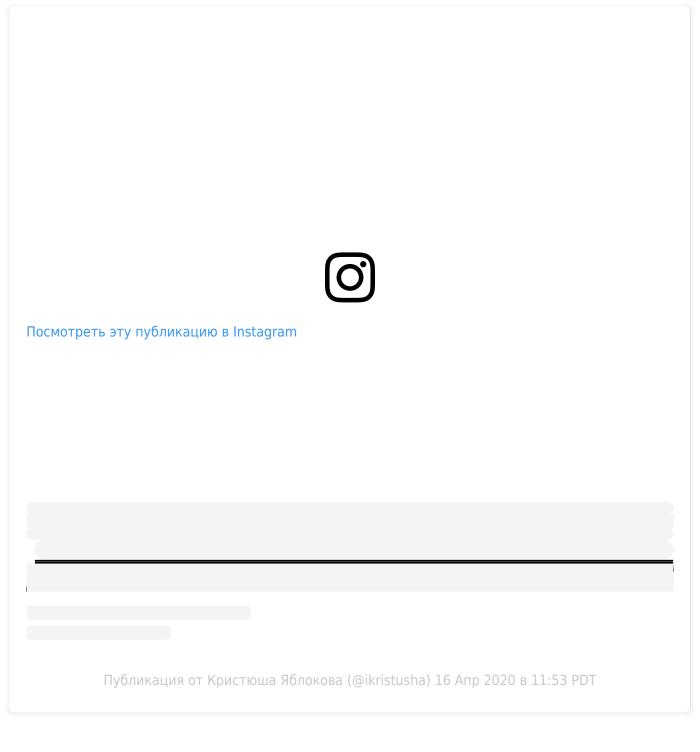
Just enjoying some shisha and wine before giving an impromptu kitchen concert.



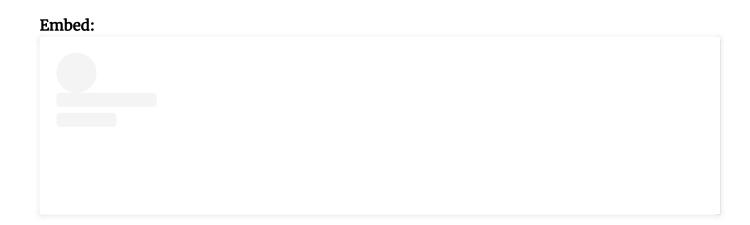


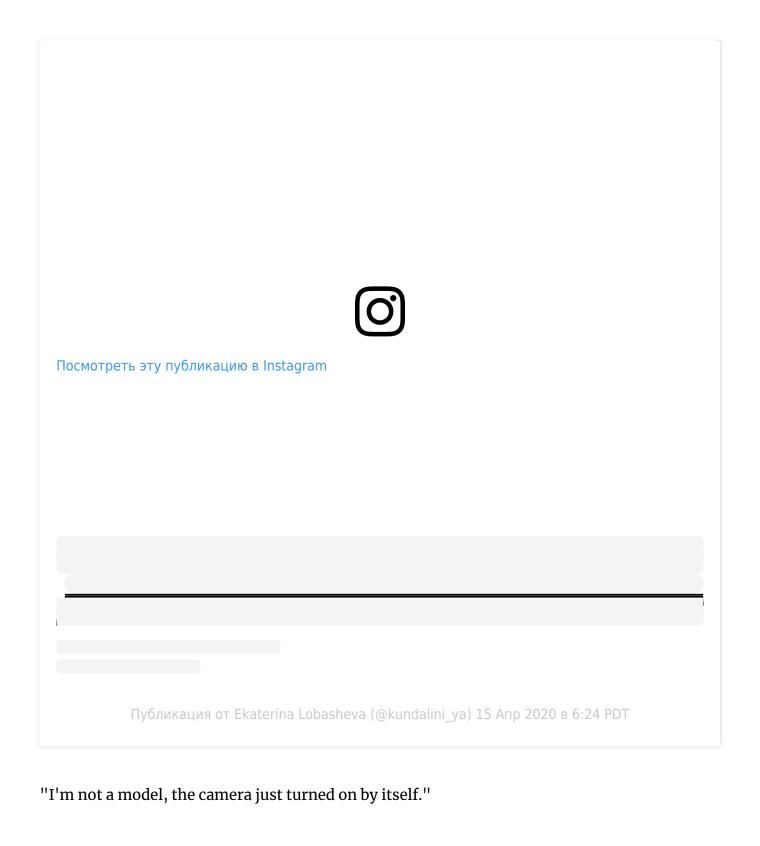
Windexing the mirrors is absolutely a special occasion.

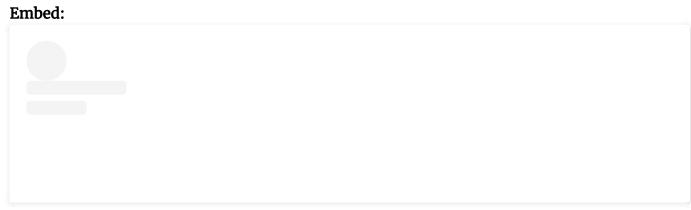


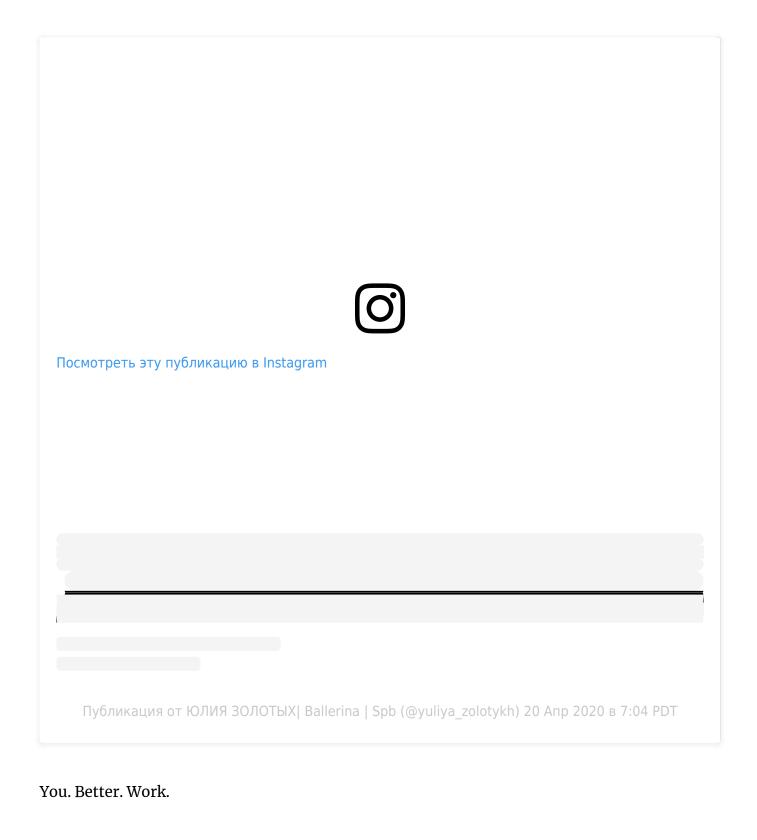


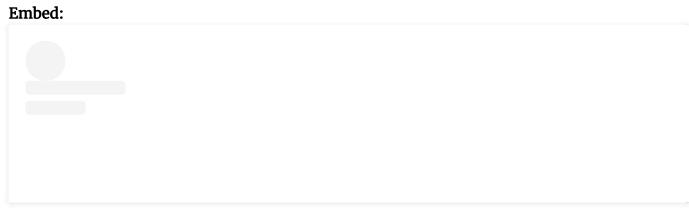
Cooking in high heels is hard work — the trick is to make it look effortless.

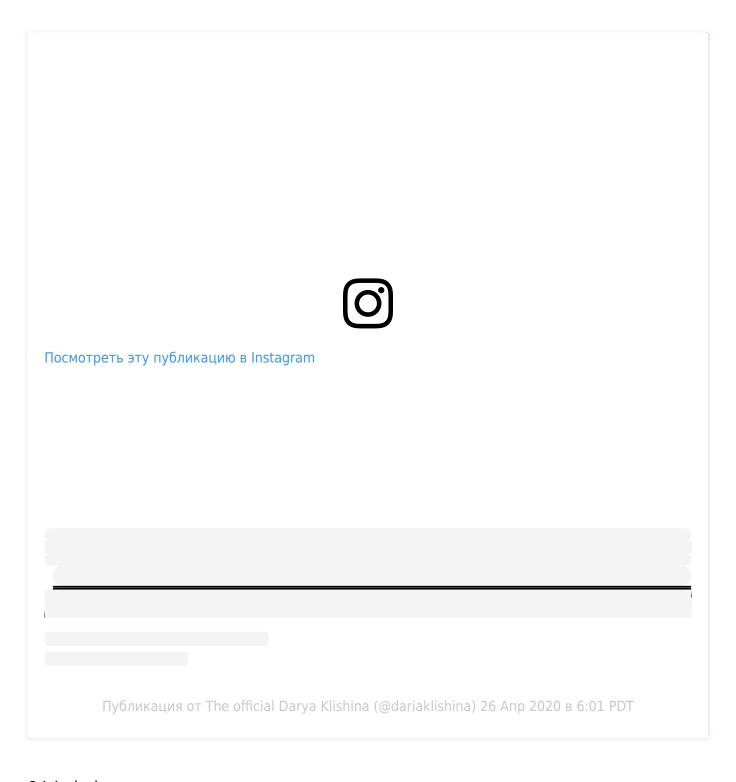












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